

**Specification as Amended:**

On page 15, please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

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A spark plug for an internal combustion engine includes a middle electrode which has an electrode base body (5) with an end face (51) oriented toward the combustion chamber, to which end face a precious metal platelet (8) is attached. An end section (15) of the electrode base body oriented toward the combustion chamber is formed in the shape of a truncated cone. The precious metal platelet (8) is likewise formed in the shape of a truncated cone and the diameter of the end face (52) of the electrode base body oriented toward the combustion chamber corresponds to the diameter of the end face (84) of the precious metal platelet oriented away from the combustion chamber. A method for producing middle electrodes for a spark plug of an internal combustion engine is also proposed.